Star Ball Tossers Might Have Change tlands and the National League. With Loss of Two Hig Clubs. Would Have suffered-Thompson Beats Hyland

If the big leagues had gone to war there ould have been plenty of excitement, kinds of things might have happen the big teams would have occurred.
cidentally the magnates would have

clubs from the National League and enter the American League circuit, which of course would have been increased to ten clubs. This overt act would have broken the national agreement and made the reserve rule, which binds players to organized league clubs, inoperative.

"If Cincinnati and Pittsburg had jumped the National League would have been seriously crippled. Attempts might have been made to put new clubs in those cities, but it would have cost a mint of money to establish and maintain them. Meanwhile there would have been a wild scramble for star players. McGraw, for instance, might have grabbed Hans Wagner, Ty Cobb, Mullin, Speaker and a few others for the Giants. Stallings might have induced Christy Mathewson to pitch for the Highlanders. The Chicago White Sox might have taken Evers, Kling, Miner Brown and Overall away from the Cubs and so on. Salaries would have been boosted to the skies and the gate receipts would have fallen off to almost nothing, especially if the rival clubs in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis played conflicting games.

"The American League eventually would have won such a fight because of a greater amount of financial backing. The league has been banking a war fund ever since the Peace Pact was signed in 1903, and it is said that Johnson has nearly \$1,000,000 at his command in case of an emergency of this kind. The National League in case of strife would have had to depend upon the New York and Chicago clubs for the sinews of war, and Charley Murphy would probably have had to ask his friend C. P. Taft to put up a bundle. But the public in general would have frowned upon

to go he might as well sell the whole St.
Louis team. It is said that McGraw is,
willing to pay Murphy's price for Catcher
John Kling provided the latter can be
reinstated by the National Commission,
McGraw hasn't given up trying to make
a big deal of some kind to strengthen the
Giants for next season, and between now
and early spring he may be successful.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL:

Finishing its fall schedule with only a single defeat, the sorcer football players o Columbia defeated the eleven of the Boys Club for the second time in the season. 3 goals to 0, yesterday on South Field Pratt Institute and the Boys' Club each were twice defeated by Columbia, and Montclair and Staten Island each once. There was a

At Ontario Field the eleven of the Columnia Football Club defeated the McNult

M. BUTLER PICKING MEM-

BERS OF CONTEST BOARD. of the Country-C. E. Duryes Dis-

M. Butler, who will begin active work chairman of the contest board of the tatives of the board in all parts of the antry where there are any automobile mpetitive events, whether they be road

operation of the rules committee of the Manufacturers Contest Association. It is expected that the list of members appointed on the contest board and the rules for 1910 will be published during the progress of the Grand Central Palace show, December 31 to January 7.

Charles E. Duryea, one of the first men in this country to build a motor driven vehicle and who is now the mechanical expert for the American Motor Car Manu-

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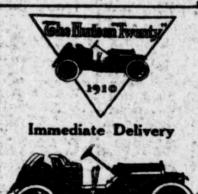
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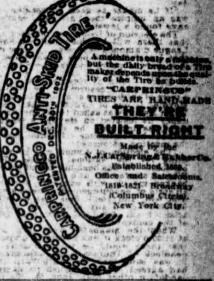
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